

PLANNING COMMITTEE

27th April 2021

Present: Chairman: The Mayor, Councillor Gay

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	Carter
	Corbett	P Evans	S Evans
	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood
	Nash	Parsons	Pennington
	Rose	Rowland	Stevens
	Von Berg		

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: 11

513. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th April 2021 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed for signature by the Chairman.

514. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Godwin.

515. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Giraud-Saunders declared a pecuniary interest in item 5, ref 21/02477/OUT, as he lives opposite the site, and confirmed he would not vote.

Councillor Carter declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5, ref PL/2021/03513, as a family friend of the applicant.

Councillor Evans declared an interest in item 5, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Regulatory Planning Committee.

516. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 11 members of the public present, including Wiltshire Councillor Laura Mayes and the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald's Kirsten Robertson.

517. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

21/00580/FUL – No objection

21/01561/OUT – Councillor Evans advised that he had arranged for the application to be called in to Wiltshire Council's Planning Committee.

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Following some discussion in which it was noted that the original plans for six flats had been amended to four, it was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT the Committee OBJECTED to the planning application as many of the original objections were still applicable, and the plans proposed low standard accommodation shoehorned into a small area.

21/02301/LBC – No objection

21/02474/FUL – No objection

21/02477/OUT – It was noted that the Committee had previously set up a working party to consider the initial application, and had accepted those recommendations. The developer had sought to address those issues in the application currently before the Committee. Councillor Mayes confirmed that she had called in the application to Wiltshire Council's Planning Committee and that she would make the case for refusal.

There was a great deal of discussion by Councillors and interested members of the public, raising matters of road safety, increased traffic, the use of outdated data from 2016 in support of the plan, air quality and sustainability issues. It was proposed by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED

THAT the Committee OBJECTED to the planning application on the grounds that the data submitted in mitigation was out of date and did not reflect the current situation in the vicinity; there would be an unacceptable increase in traffic, due to data inaccuracies in what is already a busy area; the sustainability evidence request made during the consultation stage was not followed up which in the Town Council's opinion sets unacceptably low standards; and it is understood that the area was cited as a 'green lung' when the original Quakers Walk development was built as mitigation, and therefore it will be inappropriate now to remove that important feature.

PL/2021/13513 – No objection

PL/2021/03834 – No objection

PL/2021/04019 – No objection.

518. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

The committee received and noted the report.

519. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN